

# OPC Bulletin

## 1990 Dinner Honors Gulf Reporters

Tribute will be paid to U.S. and allied journalists who covered Operation Desert Storm in the Middle East at OPC's 1991 annual awards dinner April 23 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York.

This year's theme is "The Media and the War." Tom Brokaw of NBC News, who reported from Saudi Arabia during the conflict, will present the awards.

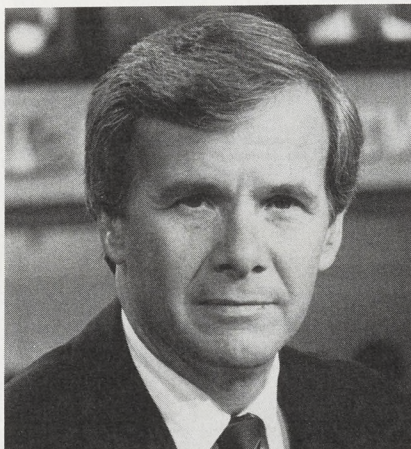
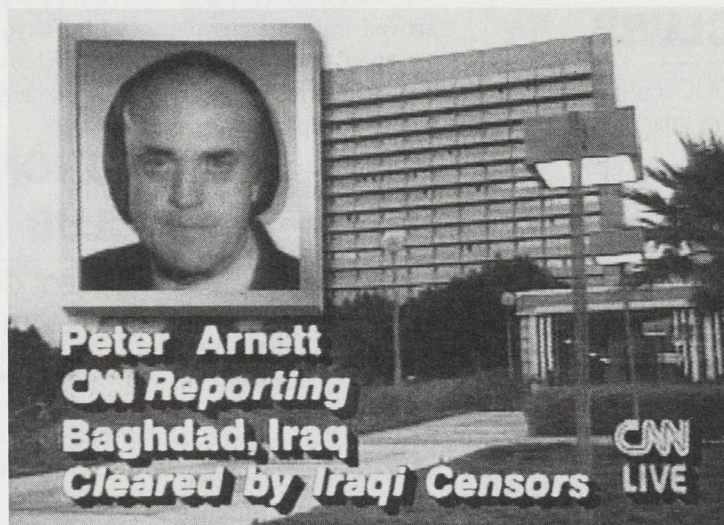
Several journalists involved in Operation Desert Storm coverage are expected to attend. Featured speakers include Ted Turner, founder of CNN, and Bob Simon, CBS correspondent captured by the Iraqis and held for 40 days.

Peter Arnett of CNN will receive OPC's President's Award, which goes to a distinguished journalist based on his career reporting. Before joining CNN in June of 1981, Arnett covered the war in Vietnam for AP and won a Pulitzer prize for his work. He reported on the Jonestown massacre in Guyana and covered conflicts in Central America. Arnett, a native of New Zealand, worked for papers in his native country and Thailand before working for AP.

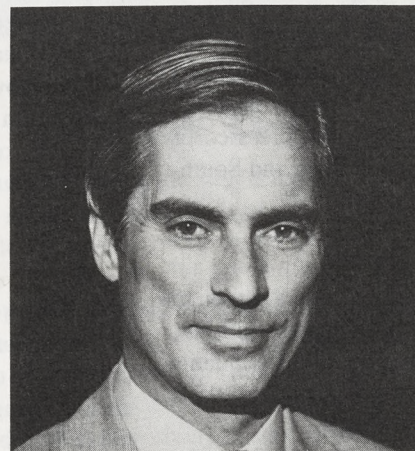
Winners in 15 categories, including work during 1990 in print, broadcast, news pictures, magazines, and books were selected by the awards committee headed by Allan Dodds Frank of ABC News.

The black-tie dinner, the club's major function each Spring, will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. Formal invitations

Peter Arnett  
will receive  
the OPC  
President's  
Award for his  
reporting  
career.

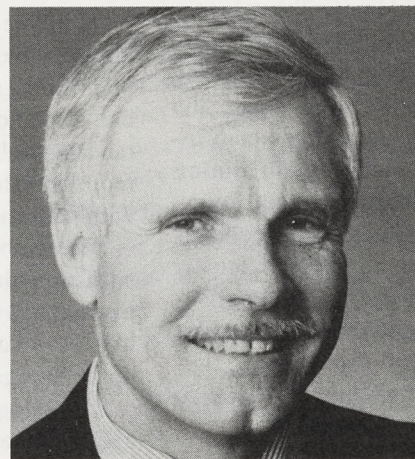


Tom Brokaw, above, presents awards. Bob Simon, above right, and R. E. 'Ted' Turner, below right, are featured speakers.



are in the mail. According to dinner chairman Anita Diamant, members are urged to reserve early.

Tickets are \$85 each for a member and one guest; regular prices are \$175 per person. Corporate tables are available. Information and reservations can be made by calling club manager Mary Novick at 212-983-4655.





## ASIA CLUBS

### DOORS OPEN TO OPC MEMBERS

By AL KAFF

Foreign correspondents club in Tokyo and Hong Kong are thriving, and their welcome mats are out for OPC members.

During an autumn visit, I found the two largest foreign press clubs in Asia as vibrant as they were during the Korean and Vietnam wars. Japan and Korea are the major beats for foreign correspondents based in Tokyo, while the Hong Kong press corps roams China and South-east Asia.

Still working in Tokyo and Hong Kong are many old Asia hands. In the Tokyo press club bar, I ran into correspondents who go back to the 1950s and 1960s.

On the 20th floor of a building in Tokyo's central Marunouchi business district and overlooking the Imperial Palace, the correspondents club includes a main dining room, bars, a work room, and library that contains one of Japan's largest collection of English-language books and vast files of newspaper clippings that go back to World War II.

Founded in 1945 by war correspondents who arrived immediately after Japan's surrender, the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan awards scholarships and prizes to young journalists in Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

The club publishes a monthly tabloid newspaper, *No. 1 Shimbun*, that runs to as many as 16 pages.

A calendar displays the number of days that Terry Anderson, a former member of the Tokyo club, has been held captive in Lebanon.

After moving to Hong Kong from the China mainland following the 1949 communist victory, the Foreign Correspondents Club of Hong Kong occupied several locations in the Crown Colony until settling in a brick building constructed originally as an ice storage house in the central business district.

The three-story building was remodeled into a main dining room, large bar, recreation room, verandah grill, library, work room, and a health center with sauna and jacuzzi.

The club's monthly slick-paper magazine, *The Correspondent*, is printed in full color and includes up to 30 pages.

The Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents

Club lists the OPC for reciprocal privileges. The club in Tokyo issues guest membership cards to visiting journalists.

## TORONTO CLUB

### MOVES, OPENS TO VISITORS

The Toronto Press Club not only changed its address but is also extending a warm Canadian welcome to press club members throughout the world.

TPC was forced to vacate their old site at 5 Wellesley Street West in Toronto because the building was demolished to make way for the Canadian Ballet Opera House.

The club now resides in the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Toronto.

The address is: The Toronto Press Club at the Sheraton Centre, 100 Richmond Street, West, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1R2 Canada.

Members of press clubs worldwide, including OPC, can obtain first class accommodations (single or double at \$69.00 (Canadian) plus tax when booked through the TPC.

Presentation of a valid press club membership is required.

## Typo Lament

Steve Sergin will thank you  
I'm not trying to rank you/  
My cursor is thinking  
And I'm sitting here blinking/  
It is not out of hubris  
That I say to you-this:/  
Please tell the Herald  
And Frankie FitzGerald/  
And please mark the bottom  
To slug it erratum  
"S" is too sibilant  
For the cut of my jib-ilant/  
"S" is too facile  
And too much a hassle/  
My friends shall not know me  
And certainly show me/  
That I've been a writer  
But never a blighter/  
I try not to edit  
But can scar-ce-ly credit/  
What you're trying to tell me  
By the way that you spell me/  
I think you can see.  
I'm a son of a "B."

*Bergin, not Sergin, corrects our recent misspelling of his name.*

## NEW TO OPC

### ACTIVE NONRESIDENT

**Jane B. Werner-**  
Aye, writer/translator,  
Preston Hollow, N.Y.

### ACTIVE OVERSEAS

**George Jonas,**  
journalist, Toronto.

**Peter James**  
**Hickman,** Stringer,  
McGraw-Hill, Buenos  
Aires, Argentina.

### ASSOCIATE

**Christian C.**  
**Bradenhorst,** Deputy  
Consul General of  
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## FIRST OPC PHOTO AWARD IN 1949

LIFE ROOKIE JOINED WINNERS  
RESTON, BIGART, & DAVIS

**Jack Birns**, 72, was the first photographer to receive an OPC award—in 1949. (His photos of that year's attack on the British cruiser H.M.S. London on the Yangtze River, right & below, will be at the U.S. Navy Museum at Treasure Island in San Francisco.)

Birns' award at OPC's 10th anniversary dinner in honor of Gen. George C. Marshall was given *in absentia*. Birns was busy covering an insurrection in Rangoon. Among his biggest stories were his scoop on the fall of Mukden, essays on Hong Kong and Hyderabad, and the battle against Communists in Malaya. Other 1949 winners were **James B. Reston** of the *Times*, **Homer Bigart** of the *Herald Tribune*, and **Elmer Davis** of the American Broadcasting Company.



## William W. Bryan, 85

William Wright Bryan, former editor of *The Atlanta Journal* and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, who broadcast an account of D-Day as a World War II correspondent, died in February of pneumonia in Cleveland.

Bryan received the Medal of Freedom from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, then Army chief of staff, for his war reporting.

While covering the Allied advance in Europe, he was wounded and captured by the Germans. He spent six months in hospitals and a prisoner of war camp before he was freed by Soviet troops in January 1945.

The OPC member until 1987 was editor of the *Journal* from 1946 to 1954, and then editor of the *Plain Dealer* until 1963.

He is survived by his wife Helen Hillyer Newell Bryan; a son, two daughters, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



## OPC Awards April 23

**Tuesday, April 2, 8:30-10 a.m.**  
**Press Coverage of Gulf War.**

OPC-Fordham panel: CNN anchor **Bernard Shaw**, **Betsy Aaron** of CBS, **Ed Diamond** of *New York* magazine, and moderator **Bill Small**. Faculty Dining Room, Plaza Level, Fordham Graduate School of Business, 113 W. 60th St. Continental breakfast \$5. Reservations 212-636-6144.

**Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Board of Governors.**

**Tuesday, April 16, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**, OPC members are invited to a panel, "**New Perspectives on the Polk Affair**," by the George Polk Awards Committee, Long Island University. Board Room, Bankers Trust, 280 Park Ave. Free. RSVP 516-299-3092.

**Tuesday, April 23. Annual OPC Awards Dinner.** Black tie.

Member and one guest, \$85 each. Non-members \$175 each. Awards presentation: **Tom Brokaw**, NBC News. Speakers: **Ted Turner**, CNN, and **Bob Simon**, CBS. Grand Hyatt Hotel. Reserve **early**: **Mary Novick**, 983-4655.

## Nairobi Law Monthly Still Threatened

The OPC Freedom of the Press Committee recently wrote a letter to Kenyan Ambassador Denis D. Afande protesting further harassment of the press in Kenya and urging the government to allow three Kenyan publications to be printed and distributed without interruption.

Recent reports tell of the arrest and attack on OPC member Gitobu Imanyara, editor-in-chief of the *Nairobi Law Monthly*, and of the confiscation of February issues of that publication, as well as copies of *Finance* and *Society*.

The OPC has also learned that the office of the *Nairobi Law Monthly* has been constantly under surveillance.

These reported actions appear to be blatant violations of the Kenyan Constitution as well as Article 19 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

*Nairobi Law Monthly* was banned by an order from the attorney general is-

sued September 28, 1990. The Kenyan High Court allowed the magazine to appeal the ban and resume operations. However, a few weeks later, the attorney general filed a motion that the ban be reversed.

## Member's Freelance Marketplace

### CALIFORNIA

**Blythe Foote Finke**, a freelance writer focuses on non-fiction articles and books, biography, travel, topics of our times, leisure, women, profiles and international affairs.

Finke was New York correspondent for the U.S. Information Agency, and has written articles for magazines and newspapers worldwide as well as for broadcast via VOA in over 200 countries. Finke also worked in Austria, Germany, Turkey and Japan.

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